To be genuinely successful in life, one must have a sense of their true identity. They must know who they really are, what they stand for and what their ultimate purpose is in life. This is particularly true in the life of a born again Christian. As one begins to come into the full realization of who they really are in Christ and what the will of God is for their life, as revealed in and through God’s word, their life then begins to take on a whole new meaning. They begin to live their life from a totally new and fresh, and empowered, perspective. They go from living their life from a worldly perspective, having to rely on their own limited wisdom and on their own ability to ‘make things happen’, to living their life from a Kingdom perspective, relying on the Wisdom of God and on His direction and empowerment in their everyday life.

Identifying with who God says they are makes it possible for them to begin to mature in the things of God and ultimately come into the fullness of who they are called to be and accomplish the call that is on their life. It’s critically important that we as Christians begin to ask our Father in heaven to reveal to us, through His word, who we really are in Him and how to begin walking with Him as Jesus walked with His/our Father. Jesus set the example for us to follow during His earthly life and ministry. He was the “Pattern Son” according to Romans 8:29, John 20:21-22.

Read each one of the following verses in the King James and Amplified versions of the Bible and ask God to speak to you about who you are in Him as you are reading each of the scripture references. Then after answering each of the discussion questions listed under each verse, write a (first person, now) statement that identifies clearly who God says you are in Christ. Examples: “I am a joint heir with Christ.” “I am the light of the world.” “Jesus lives in and through me.” Begin reviewing and internalizing your ‘truth’ statements on a daily basis according to Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:2 and Romans 12:2.
Who We Are in Christ!

**John 1:12**

What does it mean to ‘receive’ Him?

What does it mean to ‘believe’ in His name?

What does the term ‘become’ imply in this verse?

What does it actually mean to be a genuine child of God?

What does God expect of His children? ([Matthew 19:14](http://example.com) ([Proverbs 22:6](http://example.com))

Who I am in Christ:


**John 15:15**

What is the difference between being a servant and a true friend?

What does John 15:13 have in common with this verse?

What is our responsibility to the friendship He is referring to? ([Matthew 16:24](http://example.com))

To what degree are you committed to your ‘friendship’ with Christ?

Who I am in Christ:


**Romans 5:1**

What does it mean to have been justified?

What does it mean to have peace with God?

What does it mean to have been reconciled?

Who I am in Christ:
1 Corinthians 6:17

What does it actually mean in practical terms to be united with the Lord?

What does this scripture have in common with John 10:30?

What does this scripture have in common with John 20:21?

Who I am in Christ:

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

What was purchased?

Why was the purchase made?

What was the price that was paid?

What relationship exists between this verse and Romans 12:1-2?

Who I am in Christ:

1 Corinthians 12:27

As a born again believer, who are you now?

How exactly are we to honor God with our body?

Who are we to allow to live both in and through our body?

Explain exactly how we are to accomplish that? (John 3:30)

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

**Ephesians 1:3-8**

What advantage do adopted children sometimes have over natural children?

When exactly was the decision made that we were to be adopted?

What were the gifts we were given when we were adopted?

What is His plan for us as His adopted children?

What does this scripture have in common with *Romans 8:28-29*?

Who I am in Christ:

**Colossians 1:13-14**

What does it mean to have been redeemed?

Where exactly is the ‘dominion of darkness’ referred to in this verse?

Who is the god of this dominion? *(II Corinthians 4:4) (Ephesians 2:2) (John 12:31)*

Where is the ‘kingdom of the Son He loves’ that is referred to in this verse?

How can you tell that you really are living in the kingdom of the Son?

Who I am in Christ:

**Colossians 2:9-10**

What relationship does *Romans 3:23* have with this verse?

What is the fullness of the Deity referred to in this verse?

What does it mean to be ‘complete in Christ’?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

**Hebrews 4:14-16**

What does it mean to have direct access to the throne of grace?

What does this verse have in common with [I Corinthians 10:13](#)?

What do these verses have in common with [Philippians 4:6-7](#)?

As a practical matter, how does one enter into the throne of grace?

Who I am in Christ:

**Romans 8:1**

What is condemnation?

How does one come out from under ‘condemnation’?

What are the two ‘conditions’ referred to in this verse?

What does this verse have in common with [Philippians 4:13](#)?

Who I am in Christ:

**Romans 8:28-29**

What does this verse reveal to us regarding the heart of God?

What is the Father’s ultimate goal for us as His children?

What does this verse have in common with [Ephesians 2:10](#)?

What steps can we take as His children to cooperate with His plan for us?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

**Philippians 1:6**

What ‘work’ is being referred to in this verse?

Does God typically complete what He starts?

To what degree are you cooperating with the process?

Who I am in Christ:

**Romans 8:31-39**

Explain in detail the degree to which God loves us.

What does it mean to have been freed from any condemnation brought against us?

If nothing can separate us from God’s love, in what ‘ways’ should that really impact our life?

Who I am in Christ:

**2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

What does it mean to be established and to stand firm in Christ? *(Ephesians 6:13)*

What does it mean to be ‘anointed’ and ‘sealed’ by God?

What exactly is to come and how we will recognize it?

Explain the application of *John 15:5* to this verse.

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

Colossians 3:1-4

What does it mean to be hidden with Christ in God?

What exactly does it mean to set your minds on things above and not on earthly things?

What exactly is verse 4 referring to? (Matthew 17:2) (I John 3:2)

What does Galatians 2:20 have in common with this verse?

Who I am in Christ:

Philippians 3:20

What does it mean to be a citizen of heaven?

How does the term “in the world but not of the world” relate to this verse?

What does Matthew 6:10 have in common with this verse?

What laws do the citizens of the kingdom of heaven live by?

Who I am in Christ:

2 Timothy 1:7

What does this verse actually mean in practical terms?

What does this verse have in common with John 14:27?

What does this verse have in common with Romans 8:15?

What does this verse have in common with 2 Corinthians 10:5?

Who I am in Christ:
**1 John 5:18**

How should my life change if I am truly born again?

What does this verse have in common with **Isaiah 54:17**?

As a practical matter, how do I apply these verses in my daily life?

Who I am in Christ:

**John 15:5**

What does it actually mean to be ‘in Christ’?

How exactly does one go about being ‘in Christ’?

How exactly does one go about ‘bearing fruit’?

What does this verse have in common with **Galatians 5:22-23**?

What does this verse have in common with **James 5:7**?

Who I am in Christ:

**John 15:16**

As a member of Christ’s Body on the earth, what is my responsibility?

Explain what it means to have been chosen and appointed.

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

1 Corinthians 3:16
What does it mean to be God’s temple?
What relationship does Ezekiel 37: 27-28 have to this verse?
What relationship does John 17: 20-21 have with this verse?
What was Jesus referring to at the time in Matthew 8:20?
What do these verses have in common with Ephesians 2:19-22?
How would you relate this verse to Colossians 1:27 and Philippians 4:13?
How would you relate these verses to Revelation 21:2-3?

Who I am in Christ:

2 Corinthians 5:17-21
What does the term ‘reconciliation’ mean?
What does it mean to be involved in a ministry of reconciliation?
What are the responsibilities of an ambassador?
What are our responsibilities in light of John 20:21 and Matthew 5:9?

Who I am in Christ:

Ephesians 2:6
What does it mean to be seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm?
How will that contribute to our being conformed to the image of Christ?
How will that help us to fulfill our responsibilities to the great commission?

Who I am in Christ:
Ephesians 2:10

What is meant by the term ‘God’s workmanship’?

What is God’s ‘finished product’ meant to look like?

What is God’s ‘finished product’ meant to accomplish?

How does Romans 8:29 relate to this scripture?

Who I am in Christ:

Ephesians 3:12

How approachable is our Father in heaven?

With what attitude should we approach our Father in heaven?

How does one enter into the presence of our Father? (Hebrews 10:19-22) (Psalm 100:4)

Who I am in Christ:

Philippians 4:13

Where do we as God’s children get our strength for living the Christian life?

What does this verse have in common with Philippians 2:13?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

**Romans 8:14-15**

How can we know that we truly are sons of our Father in heaven?

What is the nature of the relationship that exists between God and His sons?

What is the meaning of the term ‘Abba Father’?

How do we become sons of our Father in heaven? (Galatians 3:26) (John 1:12)

Who I am in Christ:

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

When one is born again, what changes do they experience in their life?

Who I am in Christ:

**Galatians 3:26-28**

What does it mean to clothe yourself with Christ?

What does this verse have in common with 1 Peter 5:5?

What does this verse have in common with Romans 2:11?

What do these verses have in common with Philippians 2:5?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

Galatians 4:6-7

What does the term ‘heir’ mean?

What are the qualifications to become an ‘heir’?

Having been adopted into God’s family, what is our inheritance?

Who I am in Christ:

Romans 8:17

What is our inheritance?

In what ways are these verses related to our inheritance? (Colossians 1:27) (Philippians 3:14)

What did Paul say we would have to be willing to do to enter into our inheritance?

What are some practical examples of what Paul was referring to in this verse?

What does this verse have in common with Matthew 16:24?

What does this verse have in common with Matthew 10:38?

What does this verse have in common with Luke 14:27?

To what degree do you really desire to follow Jesus?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

In what way is Matthew 5:16 related to this verse?

In what way is Matthew 24:14 related to this verse?

What does this verse have in common with Matthew 28:16-20?

What is the relationship between Matthew 5:9 and Romans 8:14?

How would you describe your position in the Great Commission?

Who I am in Christ:

Ephesians 1:1

What is a ‘saint’?

What does it mean to be ‘faithful’ in Christ?

Who I am in Christ:

1 Corinthians 1:2

What does it mean from a practical perspective to be ‘sanctified’ in Christ?

What does this verse have in common with 2 Corinthians 6:17?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

**Philippians 1:1**

What does it mean to be a servant of Christ Jesus?

What does this verse have in common with John 8:31?

What does this verse have in common with Matthew 4:19?

Who I am in Christ:

**Ephesians 2:10**

What is God preparing and equipping you for?

Why is this important to God?

Why is this important to you?

Who I am in Christ:

**Ephesians 2:19**

What is Paul referring to when he says that you are no longer a foreigner or alien?

What does it mean to be a member of God’s family and a citizen of heaven?

How can you be a citizen of heaven while living on this earth?

What does this verse have in common with Philippians 3:20?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

**I Corinthians 12:27**

What does it mean to be a member of Christ’s body?

In how many different ways can you describe what this actually means?

What exactly does this verse have in common with [Matthew 22:36-40](#)?

Who I am in Christ:

**I Corinthians 6:17**

How do you unite yourself to the Lord and become one spirit with Him?

Who I am in Christ:

**I Corinthians 3:16**

What does it actually mean to be the temple of the Holy Spirit?

In what ways can we make our bodies available to Him on a daily basis?

What does this verse have in common with [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#)?

How would you relate this verse with [Proverbs 3:5-6](#)?

If the verses above are true what should be our response? ([R Romans 12:1-2](#))

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

**John 15:15**

What does it mean to be a ‘friend’ of our Lord Jesus?

What does this verse have in common with Proverbs 18:24?

To what degree do you really love Jesus? (John 15:13)

Who I am in Christ:

**Romans 6:18**

What does it mean to be a slave of righteousness?

What was accounted to Abraham as righteousness? (Galatians 3:6)

How would you relate Philippians 2:13 to these verses?

What does Luke 6:46 have to do with these verses?

Who I am in Christ:

**2 Corinthians 5:21**

Explain in detail what it means to be the righteousness of God in Christ.

Be sure and consider both the judicial and the practical applications of ‘grace’.

Who I am in Christ:
**Who We Are in Christ!**

**Romans 6:22**

What does it mean to be enslaved to God?

What is the literal meaning of *bondservant* as it was used in the bible?

In what ways are we considered a bondservant to God?

Who I am in Christ:

**John 15:16**

What does it mean to have been chosen by God?

What specifically has He appointed you to do?

What does John mean when he uses the term ‘fruit that will last’?

When does the Father give you whatever you ask in His name?

Who I am in Christ:

**Ephesians 3:1**

What was Paul referring to when he referred to himself as a prisoner of Christ?

In what ways can we personally identify with Paul’s statement in this verse?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

**Ephesians 4:1**

What is the ‘calling’ we have received?

List three ways that you can know that you truly are living a life worthy of the calling you have received.

Who I am in Christ:

**Ephesians 4:24**

What is true righteousness?

What is true holiness?

What is the ‘new self’ that Paul was referring to in this verse?

What does it mean to put on the ‘new self’ or the ‘new nature’?

How do you actually put it on?

Explain Romans 13:14 as it relates to this verse.

Who I am in Christ:

**Colossians 3:3**

What was meant by the term ‘for you died’?

What does it actually mean to have your life ‘hidden with Christ’?

What relationship does Galatians 2:20 have with this verse?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

**Matthew 5:13**

What is salt typically used for?

What is meant by the term ‘you are the salt of the earth’?

What are the actual signs that you have lost your saltiness?

What specifically can you do to make sure your salt remains potent?

Who I am in Christ:

**Matthew 5:14**

Define the term ‘light’ as it is being referred to in this verse.

In what ways are we realistically to be the ‘light’ of the world?

In what way does this verse relate to Revelation 3:12 and 21:2?

In what ways are we to identify with Isaiah 60:1-3?

Who I am in Christ:

**John 15:1-2**

How would you explain in a practical sense this verse of scripture?

Specifically, what fruit is being referred to in this verse?

What is actually meant by the term ‘prunes’?

How can you know whether or not you need to be pruned?

In what way does this verse relate to Hebrews 12: 5-11?

What is the difference between discipline and punishment?

Which does our Father in heaven prefer for you and me?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

2 Peter 1:4
What is the divine nature of Christ that is being referred to in this verse?

In what ways can we rely on the divine nature of Christ to escape corruption?

Who I am in Christ:

Colossians 3:12
What does it actually mean to be chosen of God, holy and dearly loved?

How exactly do you go about clothing yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and with patience?

How does Philippians 4:13 aid us in this process?

Who I am in Christ:

1 Thessalonians 1:4
What has God chosen you for?

How is that manifested in and though your life for others to see?

Who I am in Christ:

1 Thessalonians 5:5
What is meant by ‘sons of the light and sons of the day’?

Why don’t we belong to the night or to the darkness?

What does that actually mean?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

**Hebrews 3:1**

What actually is the heavenly calling?

How do you partake of the heavenly calling?

What does it mean to fix your thoughts on Jesus?

How exactly do you do that?

Who I am in Christ:

**Romans 8:37**

What does it mean to be more than conqueror through him who loved us?

What does this verse have in common with Isaiah 54:17?

How does Philippians 4:13 relate to these verses?

Who I am in Christ:

**Hebrews 3:14**

What does it mean to be a partaker with Christ and share in His life?

Why do some tend to lose their confidence over time?

What does Romans 8:11 have in common with this verse?

Who I am in Christ:
1 Peter 2:5

What is meant by the term ‘living stone’?

What is the spiritual house being referred to in this verse?

How does this verse relate to John 14:2?

Who I am in Christ:

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1 Peter 2:9

In what four ways did Peter refer to us in this particular verse?

What does the term ‘chosen generation’ actually mean?

With that in mind, who are we and what are we to be doing while we await His return?

Who I am in Christ:

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1 Peter 5:8

Who is our enemy?

How does he attempt to devour God’s people? (What is his strategy?)

What does Luke 10:19 have in common with this scripture?

How do we as Christians overcome the enemy?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

**John 3:3-6**

How is one able to enter into the kingdom of God?

What was Jesus referring to when He used the terms ‘water’ and ‘Spirit’?

Who I am in Christ:

**1 Peter 2:11**

What does it actually mean to be an alien and a stranger to this world?

How does Hebrews 11:13-16 relate to this verse in 1 Peter?

Who I am in Christ:

**2 Corinthians 2:14**

What does it mean to triumph in Christ?

In what way was Paul using the term ‘fragrance’?

Who I am in Christ:

**Ephesians 2:6**

What exactly does it mean to be ‘raised up’ with Christ?

What does it mean to be seated in heavenly places in Christ?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

**Ephesians 2:8**

What does the term ‘saved’ actually mean?

What is ‘grace’?

Who I am in Christ:

**Ephesians 1:3**

What are the spiritual blessings Paul is referring to in this verse?

Where are these spiritual blessings to be found?

In what way does this verse relate to 2 Peter 1:3-4?

Who I am in Christ:

**Revelations 5:9**

What does it actually mean to be redeemed by the blood of the Lamb?

Who I am in Christ:

**Revelations 19:7**

What does it actually mean to be a part of the bride?

How do we go about making ourselves ready for Him?

Who I am in Christ:
Who We Are in Christ!

Summary

It’s been suggested that we have a tendency to talk to ourselves about 95% of the time as we move through the course of our day – and most of what we have a tendency to say to ourselves both verbally and non-verbally is unfortunately more negative than positive. This is an important reality that needs to be taken into consideration – especially in light of what we are told in scripture.

Luke 6: 45  Out of the abundance of the heart man speaks!

Proverbs 13:2  Man shall live by the fruit of his lips!

If that’s true (and we certainly believe that it is) then it would be in our best interest to hide the word of God in our heart and allow it to become the greater influence in our life. If you really want to achieve your potential and experience all that God has for you, begin today to feed on His word and allow it to cleans you of all of your old ways of thinking and allow it to transform you into the man or woman of God He has called you to be! Psalm 119:11

By the way, we’ve had a number of people ask about our availability to conduct Bible Studies. You’re always welcomed to join us for the regular Bible Studies we have in our home, and we’re happy to make ourselves available to conduct Bible Studies anywhere else the Lord might lead as our desire is to be a blessing to those who are hungry to learn more about who they are in Christ and how to develop a more intimate and life-changing relationship with our King of Kings and Lord of Lords. You can contact us at (800) 955-0109 or through the Leadership Institute.

See you next time!

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